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REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE YEAR

Ending March 1, 1869.

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L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said Cornish, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose a Representative to represent this town in the General Court of this State.
4. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one County Commissioner.
5. To bring in your votes for Representative to represent the Third Congressional District of this State in the Congress of the United States.
6. To choose Selectmen and all other necessary Town Officers
7. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.
8. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.
9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay existing claims against the town.
10. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a liquor agent the ensuing year.
11. To see if the town will vote to pay Benniah Colby interest on town order of five hundred dollars from time it was given, September 10th, 1864, to the time it was presented to the town Treasurer for acceptance about September 5th, 1865.
12. To see if the town will vote to disannex the land formerly owned by Andrew Fitch, and now owned by William E. Westgate, situated in Cornish and bounded as follows: on the north by land of William P. Johnson, on the east by land of the estate of John Davis, on the south by land of Harvey S. Read and William E. Westgate, and on the west by land of William E. Westgate, from school district No. 4, and annex the same to school district No. 2 in said town.
13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the sale of the Town Farm in making up the deficiency of the number of acres it fell short from the number of acres advertised.
14. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road leading from the school-house in district No. 2, to the Davis Bridge so called.
15. To see if the town will vote to repair the Town House, and raise money therefor.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

STEPHEN A. TRACY, } Selectmen
LOUIS T. CHASE, } of
NORMAN E. HEBARD, } Cornish.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 1, 1869.

The amount of Tax required to be assessed by law and by vote of the Town, is as follows :

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| For State Tax, | \$3418 75 |
| County Tax, | 1691 15 |
| Schooling as required by law, | 1367 50 |
| Legal expenses of the Town, | 1600 00 |
| Paying interest on indebtedness of the Town, | 1700 00 |
| Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Geo. D. Ken- yon and others, | 65 00 |
| Tax on dogs, | 57 00 |
| Percentage about $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., | 245 83 |
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| Whole amount taxed to the Town, | \$10145 23 |
| School-house tax district, No. 1, | 766 00 |
| “ “ “ “ | 26 02 |
| Non-resident highway tax, | 71 48 |
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| Total, | \$11008 73 |

The Selectmen have received and paid into the Treasury the following additional sums, to wit :

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| For support of county paupers, | \$83 60 |
| Cash refunded by the town of Hen- niker for support of Desire Ferry, | 48 00 |
| Savings Banks tax for 1868, | 121 69 |

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| For Railroad tax for | 1868 | 66 27 |
| Literary Fund for | " | 62 10 |
| James M. Davidson, trustee of Foss Fund, | | 112 80 |
| On tax abated in 1867, | | 10 54 |
| Amount received from the sales of the almshouse farm and personal property, | 6358 26 | |
| Wm. Balloch, old orders and interest on the same, | 1634 14 | |
| Of the town of Plainfield for part expense of perambulating town line, | 2 00 | |
| | | <hr/> 8499 40 |
| | | <hr/> 14500 13 |
| Deduct State tax, | 3418 75 | |
| " County tax, | 1691 15 | |
| | | <hr/> 5109 90 |
| Leaving a balance of | | \$14398 23 |

The Selectmen have drawn orders :

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| For Schools, | 1717 57 |
| county paupers, | 91 46 |
| support of paupers away from the Almshouse, | 667 53 |
| planks and timber, | 202 29 |
| incidental expenses of the Town, | 4591 63 |
| Town officers, | 410 75 |
| | <hr/> 7681 23 |

Leaving a balance of \$6717 00

We find orders drawn on the Treasurer as follows, to wit :

For support of schools--

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Horace G. P. Cross, district No. 1, | 170 30 |
| Henry M. Kimball, " 2, | 127 05 |
| A. C. Chadborn, " 3, | 89 89 |
| E. P. Bartlett, " 4, | 76 88 |
| H. S. Chase, " 5, | 92 42 |
| B. B. Churchill, " 6, | 243 77 |
| L. Benway, " 7, | 132 02 |
| A. Penniman, " 8, | 149 97 |

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| P. W. Smith, | " | 9, | 92 35 |
| Geo. B. Walker, | " | 10, | 114 92 |
| Nath'l Smith, | " | 11, | 116 41 |
| Lewis Knight, | " | 12, | 44 67 |
| Lyman Fitch, | " | 13, | 94 03 |
| Quartus Fleteher, | " | 14, | 50 39 |
| John M. Root, | " | 15, | 36 45 |
| Geo. C. Dean, | " | 16, | 73 92 |
| E. Laws, No. 14, in Claremont, | | | 7 00 |
| John B. Pike, No. 1, in Plainfield, | | | 5 13 |
| | | | <hr/> 1717 57 |

For support of county paupers—

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Hilliard D. Buckman, | 55 61 |
| Lydia Allen, | 21 00 |
| Silas Read, | 6 85 |
| Carrying paupers to Unity, | 8 00 |
| <hr/> 91 46 | |

For support of paupers away from the Almshouse—

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Bell Comings and child, | 116 95 |
| Stephen Williams, | 15 00 |
| Eleanor Jackson, | 81 00 |
| Francis Lathrop, | 65 61 |
| Nancy Knight, | 188 32 |
| Jacob Newell, | 87 15 |
| Desire Ferry, | 48 00 |
| Cynthia Jackson, | 20 50 |
| Catharine Chase, | 45 00 |
| <hr/> 667 53 | |

For planks and timber—

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|--------------------|-------|
| James A. Kendrick, | 11 70 |
| James M. Lewis, | 26 71 |
| F. D. Nevans, | 9 41 |
| Charles Williams, | 8 50 |
| James Hildreth, | 15 36 |
| P. W. Smith, | 1 05 |
| E. P. Bartlett, | 7 01 |
| E. O. & H. M. Day, | 43 55 |
| Geo. Jackson, | 3 19 |
| Newton Jackson, | 4 28 |
| Harrison Leslie, | 1 80 |

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| Allen York, | 3 65 |
| E. T. Ayres, | 31 08 |
| O. P. Burr, | 6 50 |
| H. A. Day, | 1 75 |
| N. C. Sturtevant, | 2 33 |
| H. A. Weld, | 5 96 |
| E. R. Shedd, | 3 80 |
| John Johnson, | 1 94 |
| Henry Gould, | 4 64 |
| C. B. Fitch, | 1 54 |
| N. A. Deming, | 5 00 |
| Edward Bryant, | 1 54 |
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| | 202 29 |

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

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|---|--------|
| Claremont Manufacturing Co. for printing Reports for 1867, and check lists, | 37 00 |
| E. C. Eastman, invoice collector's and highway surveyor's books, | 5 35 |
| Geo. W. Hunt, Superintending Sch. Com. 1867, | 50 00 |
| E. L. Cushing for attorney fees for 1867 & '68, | 102 21 |
| Wm. W. Poole, work on highway, | 11 47 |
| Elias F. Leavitt, " " | 16 00 |
| James Wilder for repairing bridge, | 75 00 |
| Franklin D. Nevans, agent, cash paid for liquor, | 41 55 |
| Augustus Dore, Jr., work on highway, | 15 00 |
| Jonas Hastings, balance due for building bank wall in 1867, | 235 50 |
| James Tasker, repairing Comings Bridge, | 26 30 |
| A. J. Gould, damage to horse, | 40 00 |
| O. P. Burr, services as liquor agent, | 35 00 |
| James Hildreth, building burying ground fence, | 168 68 |
| Geo. D. Kenyon, building road & land damage, | 82 20 |
| Lemuel Benway, building culvert, | 25 00 |
| Charles Williams, repairing culvert, | 13 25 |
| James Hildreth, work on bridge, | 19 50 |
| E. O. & H. M. Day, work on highway, | 6 50 |
| S. M. Bugbee, for guide-boards, | 27 55 |
| Lemuel Benway, sheep killed by dogs, | 8 00 |
| Daniel Chase, labor at auction, postage stamps, &c., | 6 42 |

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| Harrison Leslie, over-tax in 1868, | 3 60 |
| E. T. Ayres, work on highway, | 25 12 |
| Wm. Balloch, old orders and interest taken up, | 1634 14 |
| Philinda Ayres, press for B. F. Bugbee, | 6 00 |
| Aaron Smith, over-tax, 1868, | 8 75 |
| O. P. Burr, lumber for fence at Town House, | 15 50 |
| Quartus Fletcher, watering-trough, | 3 00 |
| Wm. D. Burr, watering-trough, | 3 00 |
| Geo. C. Dean, sheep killed by dogs, | 2 00 |
| Wm. D. sheep killed by dogs, | 1 00 |
| O. Powers, making deed, stamps, clerk at auction, | 14 00 |
| John B. Pike, work on highway, | 5 63 |
| Joel M. Heywood, damage of horse, | 75 00 |
| C. T. Smith, stone for culverts & work on highway, | 7 98 |
| B. S. Smith, work on highway, | 11 32 |
| Orlando Richardson, expense for sealing measures, | 3 96 |
| E. N. Wyman, work on highway, | 1 68 |
| Geo. D. Kenyon, non-resident highway tax, | 25 20 |
| W. D. Lear, watering-trough, | 3 00 |
| Jonas Hastings, land damage, | 10 00 |
| Jonas Hastings, for General Statutes, | 5 00 |
| Geo. D. Kenyon, damage to wagon, | 10 00 |
| S. W. Bryant, auctioneer services, excise tax and auction bills, | 43 48 |
| Jonas Hastings, interest on note given for uncol- lected taxes in 1864, | 23 86 |
| Jonas Hastings, for abatements for 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, | 52 96 |
| James M. Davidson, over-tax, 1868, | 1 08 |
| Sally Cady, stone for culvert, | 5 00 |
| Wm. Balloch, running town lines, | 4 00 |
| Wm. Balloch, services, law agent, | 28 00 |
| Wm. Balloch, cash paid expenses in Richardson suit, | 83 10 |
| Marshall Harlow, for watering-trough, | 3 00 |
| Marshall Harlow, entertainment for selectmen, | 2 00 |
| L. T. Chase, work on highway, | 16 50 |
| Josiah Davis, damage to plow, | 5 00 |
| Daniel Chase, notifying Jurors, | 7 00 |
| Daniel Chase, for new Town Officer, | 2 50 |
| S. A. Tracy, tax on town farm, | 46 59 |
| Harvey Deming, over-tax, 1867, | 4 32 |
| Russell Tyler, over-tax, 1867, | 4 32 |

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| Geo. D. Kenyon, error in tax-book, 1867, | 18 98 |
| Geo. D. Kenyon, abatement on taxes, 1865, 1866 and 1867, | 126 76 |
| Jonas Hastings, abatement of school-house tax in district No. 1, for 1868, | 792 02 |
| Jonas Hastings, abatement of taxes for 1868, | 69 48 |
| Joseph Sawyer, over-tax for 1868, | 1 00 |
| O. P. Burr, services with hearse, | 40 00 |
| O. P. Burr, balance agent's services, | 133 71 |
| Stephen A. Tracy, stationery, express on books, entertainment, &c., | 10 34 |
| Louis T. Chase, entertainment, | 5 85 |
| N. E. Hebard, entertainment, expense of running town lines, &c., | 10 80 |
| E. W. Collins, Jr., for entertainment, | 39 30 |
| J. S. Huntress, auctioneer services, | 15 30 |
| Jonas Hastings, services, 1867, | 12 50 |
| Ira Colby, Jr., attorney fees in 1868, | 42 17 |
| Wm. C. Poole, work on highway, | 18 35 |
| Total of incidentals, | <hr/> \$4591 63 |

Town Officers' Services.

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| Stephen A. Tracy, services as Selectman, 1868, | 112 00 |
| Lewis T. Chase, services as Selectman, 1868, | 72 00 |
| Norman E. Hebard, services as Selectman, 1868, | 73 75 |
| John B. Chase, Treasurer's services, 1868, | 40 00 |
| Daniel Chase, Town Clerk's services, 1868, | 35 00 |
| Jonas Hastings, Collector's services, 1868, | 75 00 |
| James M. Davidson, trustee of Foss Fund, 1868, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> \$410 75 |

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| Total amount of orders drawn, | <hr/> \$7681 23 |
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| Leaving a balance of | <hr/> \$6717 00 |
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS,

Or Am't received by Treasurer, for year ending Mar. 1, 1869:

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|---------------------------|---|------------|
| Mar. 16, 1868, | Rec'd of Jas. M. Davidson, former Treasurer, | 431 82 |
| Oct. 10, | " J. L. Farwell, cashier for tax on bank stock of Chester and Amanda Pike, | 66 38 |
| Dec. 5, | " Selectmen for proceeds of the sale of the Almshouse Farm and Personal Property thereon in cash, Notes, Auction Bills, | 6358 26 |
| Dec. 28, | " Selectmen for support of Desire Ferry, refunded by the town of Henniker, | 48 00 |
| Jan. 2, 1869, | " Selectmen old orders and interest exchanged for new orders, | 1634 14 |
| Feb. 13, | " Selectmen, for support of County Paupers, | 83 60 |
| Feb. 20, | " Literary Fund for 1868, | 62 10 |
| " | " Interest on Foss Fund 1868, | 112 80 |
| " | " Railroad Tax for 1868, | 66 27 |
| " | " Savings Bank Tax for 1868, | 121 69 |
| Feb. 24, | " For Tax abated in 1867, | 10 54 |
| Feb. 25, | " Town of Plainfield for expense perambulating town line, | 2 00 |
| " | " Interest on School Fund, | 23 24 |
| " | " Interest on Auction Bill, | 45 |
| Feb. 26, | " William Balloch, Interest on School Fund, | 5 00 |
| " | " F. D. Nevans Liquor Agent, | 55 79 |
| " | " G. D. Kenyon collector 1867, | 2212 37 |
| " | " J. Hasting collector 1868, | 4331 45 |
| Total Amount of Receipts, | | \$15625 90 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Paid as principal on old orders, | 3977 69 | |
| Interest on old orders, | 1378 82 | |
| Principal on new orders, | 5664 50 | |
| Interest on new orders, | 20 83 | |
| | <hr/> | \$11042 02 |
| Balance, | | 4583 88 |
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| | | \$15625 90 |

SCHOOL FUNDS.

Notes in the hands of the Treasurer, \$470 87

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Due on orders drawn in 1861, | 385 00 | |
| " " 1862, | 832 00 | |
| " " 1863, | 4245 00 | |
| " " 1864, | 9338 70 | |
| " " 1865, | 6904 68 | |
| " " 1866, | 240 44 | |
| " " 1867, | 100 00 | |
| " " 1868, | 1101 22 | |
| " " 1869, | 1915 33 | |
| | <hr/> | \$25062 37 |

ASSETS.

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Balance in the Treasury, | 4581 94 | |
| Due from J. Hastings collector 1868, | 1567 08 | |
| Due from Harvey Lewis and Hollis Knight for expense for support of Nancy Knight, | 188 32 | |
| Execution vs. Eri Richardson, say, | 75 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6411 34 |

Indebtedness of the Town over and above assets, \$18651 03

ALMSHOUSE REPORT.

The Account rendered by the Agent for the year ending Feb. 28, 1869, is as follows :

RECEIPTS.

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| Received for the produce of Farm, | 437 69 | |
| “ of Selectmen for support of County Paupers, | 8 00 | |
| “ for services with Hearse, | 40 00 | |
| “ “ Liquor Agent, | 35 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$520 69 |
| Balance against the Town, | | 133 71 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$654 40 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Paid for clothing, groceries, &c., | 174 40 | |
| “ horse | 180 00 | |
| “ O. P. Burr, agent's salary, | 300 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$654 40 |

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.**THE JACOB FOSS LEGACY.**

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| Sept. 14, 1866, Received of the Executors of the will of Jacob Foss, deceased, late of Charlestown, Ms., | \$2828 00 |
| Rec'd int. on Legacy for year ending Sept. 17, '68, | 169 20 |
| Paid the Selectmen of Cornish, to appropriate for the support of Poor of said Town, | 112 80 |
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| | \$56 40 |
| Interest on flag fund for 1867, | 56 40 |
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| | \$112 80 |
| July 1, 1868, Paid for Flag and Pole and raising the same, | 85 59 |
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| Leaving a balance of | \$27 21 |

Which is respectfully submitted by

JAMES M. DAVIDSON, *Trustee.***LIQUOR AGENCY.****RECEIPTS.**

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| Liquor on hand including casks, March 1, 1868, | 130 00 |
| May 30, 1868, Cash of the Selectmen to buy Liquor, | 41 55 |
| Rec'd for 126 sales during year, | 69 49 |
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| | \$241 04 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Cash paid for Liquor, | 55 25 | |
| “ Treasurer, | 55 79 | |
| Amount of Liquor on hand, | 121 59 | |
| | <hr/> | \$232 63 |
| Balance in favor of the agency, | | <hr/> \$8 41 |

AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Selectmen of Cornish, agreeably to a vote passed at the last annual town meeting, an agent to prosecute and defend all suits at law in which the town may have an interest, would make the following report:

A suit was commenced at the January term 1868, by Eri Richardson, for injury received on the highway near Cornish Flat. Amount of damages claimed was six hundred dollars. The case came on for trial at the September term 1868, when the jury, after viewing the highway, rendered a verdict in favor of the town. Counsel for plaintiff, Baker, Allen and Parkhurst. For town, Cushing and Colby

The expense to the town has been as follows:

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| Paid Cushing and Colby, | 109 00 |
| “ Witnesses, | 54 87 |
| “ L. Martindale for summoning witnesses, | 5 51 |
| “ J. P. Chellis for expense of jury at Cornish, | 8 00 |
| “ Agent's services, | 20 00 |
| “ Contingent expenses, | 13 00 |
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| | \$210 38 |
| Deduct amount of execution not yet collected, say, | 75 00 |
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| Balance against the town, | \$135 38 |

The suit of *Comings vs. Billings*, in the Windsor, Vt., County Court, in which the town of Cornish has an interest, which was in order for trial at the December term 1868, was continued at the request of the defendant's counsel.

The only expense paid by the town in this suit is for agent's services \$8 00. Which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BALLOCH, *Agent*.

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| ORLANDO POWERS, | } <i>Auditors.</i> |
| JAMES M. DAVIDSON, | |
| WILLIAM BALLOCH, | |

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1. Prudential Committee, H. G. P. Cross. Amount of school money, \$170.30. Length of school in Summer term, 10 weeks; Winter term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 24; Winter term, 24. The Summer term was taught by Miss Laurie M. Cady. Miss Cady taught the school with success, judging from its appearance at the commencement of the term, as I did not have the opportunity of visiting it at the close.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Isabel M. Fletcher. I found this school progressing finely at the beginning of the term; and while it continued, I have no doubt but that it was one of our best schools. Miss Fletcher was obliged to leave her school after teaching 10 weeks, on account of sickness. She "thinks that it is slightly hazardous for a teacher possessing only ordinary health, to venture to teach in this district in the winter," on account of the unfitness of the school-house—which opinion your committee fully endorses; aside from the school-house, Miss Fletcher speaks in high praise of her school and the general good conduct of her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 2. Prudential Committee, Henry M. Kimball. Amount of school money, \$127.05. Length of school in Summer term, 10 weeks; Winter term, 15 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 12; Winter term, 19. The Summer term was taught by Miss Clara S. Waite, of Claremont. I visited the school but once, at the commencement of the term. I received no notice of its close. Miss Waite's scholastic attainments were very good. At my first visit I thought a laxity of discipline was apparent, but cannot report from observation with what success the school was taught.

The Winter term was under the instruction of Geo. Deming. The school, in all respects was a success,—all the duties of a competent and earnest teacher were fully performed by Mr. D. The teacher, the pupils and parents worked harmoniously together, and the efficiency of the instruction was plainly apparent at the closing examination.

DISTRICT No. 3. Prudential Committee, A. O. Chadbourn. Amount of school money, \$89.89. Length of school in weeks,

Summer term, 12 ; in Winter term, 12. Number of scholars in Summer term, 13 ; in Winter term, 20. The Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Ella S. Morrill. Miss Morrill was a faithful and persevering teacher, and the school did well under her instruction.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Hattie J. Hildreth. The school was successfully taught. Miss H., was exact and thorough in her method of teaching, and she reports a commendable regularity of attendance by her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 4. Prudential Committee, E. P. Bartlett. Amount of school money, \$76.88. Length of school in Summer term, 10 weeks ; in Winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 11 ; in Winter term, 14.

The Summer term was taught by Mrs. Etta E. Wood. The experience and tact of Mrs. Wood in the art of teaching, needs no eulogy by me. No school could be better managed than this. The Winter term was also under the instruction of Mrs. Wood. The same ability marked her management of it, as in the Summer term. The examination and exercises (particularly the singing) at the close of the school, for pupils so young, were very good.

DISTRICT No. 5. Prudential Committee, Henry S. Chase. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks ; of Winter and Fall term, 18 weeks. Amount of school money, \$92.42. Number of scholars in Summer term, 11 ; in Fall and Winter term, 14. The Summer term was taught by Miss Isabel M. Fletcher. Miss Fletcher is an experienced and thorough teacher, and her pupils received all the benefit of her large experience. The school showed that its discipline and instruction had been faithfully and ably attended to by the teacher.

The Fall and Winter term was taught by Miss L. S. Comings. Miss Comings' literary attainments are very good, and her method of teaching is agreeable. Miss C. required exactness of her pupils ; a general proficiency in all the studies was made, and the district, I think, was well pleased with her services. I was unable to be present at the closing examination of the winter term.

DISTRICT No. 6. Prudential Committee, Barker B. Churchill. Amount of school money, \$243.77. Length of Summer term, 12 weeks ; length of Winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 30 ; in Winter term, 45.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Marion Westgate, of Plainfield. Miss Westgate is a teacher of much experience, and seemed to have the necessary tact to manage the school with entire success. Miss W. enforced good discipline along with a thorough and systematic system of instruction. The closing examination was particularly good. The district could not be otherwise than satisfied with her services as a teacher.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Fred. H. Wales, of

Dartmouth College. Mr. Wales had a large school to manage; the primary and higher schools being united this Winter. Mr. Wales commenced and maintained a fair state of discipline for the first two-thirds of the school and I think honestly and faithfully tried to do his duty; but in the last third of the school the discipline was not what it should have been, especially in relation to the large scholars. A failure in this particular, in a large village school, will always impair its efficiency. I think that the young pupils made fair progress in their studies. It requires a good deal of judgment, skill and peculiar tact, to teach a large school in a manner acceptable to all, at the present time. Whether Mr. W. exhibited these combinations of qualifications, in a sufficient degree to manage this school successfully or not, all will have an individual opinion of their own.

Mr. W. in his School Register has recorded the following observations—"That if the parents of some of the children had taken as much interest in their children's studies, as they did to encourage them to insubordination, there would have been no trouble in the school."

DISTRICT No. 7. Prudential Committee, Lemuel Benway. Amount of school money \$143.02. Length of school in Summer term, 10 weeks; in Winter term, 13 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 14; in Winter term, 19. The Summer term was taught by Miss Luzetta S. Comings. The school was conducted in a manner which I think must have given satisfaction to the district. Miss C. required of her pupils accuracy in their recitations, and I was much pleased with the general thorough manner in which instruction was given to them.

The Winter term was taught by David L. Spaulding. This was Mr. Spaulding's first experience in teaching. Mr. S. commenced and maintained through the term a better discipline than I have generally found in this school; I found the teacher active and faithful in discharging his duties; the deportment of the scholars and the interest they manifested in their studies were very commendable.

DISTRICT No. 8. Prudential Committee, Albert Penniman. Amount of school money, \$149.97. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks; of Winter term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 14; in Winter term, 23. The Summer term was taught by Miss Susan A. Holbrook. Miss Holbrook's school appeared well at the commencement. Miss H. did all in her power to make her school a good one; and I think that it was, but if a stricter discipline had been maintained, it would have been better still. A Fall term of 8 weeks was taught by Luella M. Freeman. I visited the school but once and found it progressing well, and I have no doubt but that it was well conducted and gave good satisfaction to the district.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Ella J. Sturtevant. Miss S., I think, succeeded very well. In my visits to the school,

I found it appearing well. Some tendency towards insubordination in some of the pupils, I believe, disappeared and the pupils, I think, generally learned well. I did not learn when the school closed.

DISTRICT No. 9. Prudential Committee, P. W. Smith. Amount of school money, \$92.35. Length of school in Summer term, 12 weeks; in Fall term, 8 weeks; in Winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term 11; in Fall term, 10; in Winter term, 14. The Summer term was taught by Miss Alice V. Powers. This was Miss P.'s first term. Miss P. I think discharged her duties in a faithful and pleasant manner toward her pupils. They made good progress in their studies generally. Perhaps, if a better state of discipline had been maintained, the value of the school would have been increased. Miss Powers, I have reason to think, possesses all the elements of a successful teacher, and should persevere to develop them.

The Fall term was under the instruction of Miss Ella J. Sturtevant. The scholars attended school very regularly. Miss S. gave her pupils thorough instruction and enforced good discipline, and all the progress that the short term would allow was made.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Addie J. Johnson. I think that the school did pretty well under her instruction. There was not that regularity of attendance which I have generally found in this school. At the close of the term the scholars present appeared as if they had made good progress in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 10. Prudential Committee, Geo. B. Walker. Amount of school money, \$114.92. Length of Summer term 12 weeks; of Winter term, 14 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 20; in Winter term, 17. The Summer and Winter terms were both taught by Mrs. Loretta J. Walker. Mrs. Walker taught the school in a thorough and systematic method. The pupils attended very regularly and seemed to be attending the school for the express purpose of learning. I think that the scholars made the best of progress in their studies. At the close of the school the recitations were better than I generally hear. I was much pleased with the closing exercises.

DISTRICT No. 11. Prudential Committee, N. Smith. Amount of school money, 116.41; length of Summer term, 12 weeks; of Winter term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 15; in Winter term, 29. The Summer term was taught by Miss Ella J. Sturtevant. The school under Miss S.'s instruction did well. The number of scholars during this term was much less than formerly. The pupils made good progress in their studies, and I think that Miss S., in her discipline, teaching and general management of the school, gave good satisfaction to the district.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Charles Hayward, of Alstead. Mr. H. I believe generally gave good satisfaction to the district. His educational attainments were good, and his method of teaching easy and agreeable. I think he would have added to the value of his school if he had maintained a stricter discipline.

DISTRICT No. 12. Prudential Committee, Lewis Knight. Amount of school money, 44.67; length of term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 5. The term was taught by Miss Salome C. Bailey. The school was so small as hardly to merit the name. But one pupil was present at my first visit, and fearing that there might be less, if I visited it again, I refrained from doing so. Miss B. performed her duties, I learned, in a manner satisfactory to the district.

DISTRICT No. 13. Prudential Committee, Lyman Fitch.—Amount of school money, 94.03; length of Summer term, 10 weeks; of Fall term, 9 weeks; of Winter term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 17; in Fall term, 18; in Winter term, 20. The Summer term was taught by Miss Ellen J. Balloch. I was well pleased with the appearance of the school. Miss B. devoted her time and energy to her work, and the scholars made good progress. The attendance of the pupils was very regular.

The Fall term was under the instruction of Miss Hattie Ayers, Miss A. taught the school with her usual ability. I found that good order and attention to duty was strictly enforced. The closing exercises and examination were very commendable.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Ellen Balloch. At my first visit, I found Miss B. discharging her duties in her usual able and faithful manner. I did not have the opportunity to visit the school at the close of the term, but I have no doubt that it was well conducted in all respects.

DISTRICT No. 14. Prudential Committee, Quartus Fletcher. Amount of school money, 50.39; length of term—the only one taught—9 weeks. Number of scholars, 8. The term was taught by Miss Luella E. Fletcher. The school was well conducted in all respects. The energy and faithfulness of the teacher produced their legitimate effect upon the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 15. Prudential Committee, John M. Root. Amount of school money, 36.45. Number of scholars, 8; length of term, 11 weeks—the only term taught during the year. The school was taught by Miss Ellen J. Balloch, and it is unnecessary to say that she did her whole duty to the pupils under her charge.

DISTRICT No. 16. Prudential Committee, Geo. H. Dean. Amount of school money 73.92; length of Summer term, 12 weeks; of Winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars in Summer term, 24; in Winter term, 20. The Summer term was taught by Miss Eva Manchester. She conducted the school with a fair amount of success. Perhaps if more energy had been exhibited by the teacher the result would have been better.

The Winter term was taught by Miss L. G. Roberts, of Plainfield. Miss R. succeeded very well, and the scholars made a fair amount of progress in their studies. The general appearance of the school was good.

The whole amount of school money this year is \$1717.57. Last year it was but \$1153.14. This increase in the school money was much needed. District No. 14, in Claremont, receives 7.00, and District No. 1, in Plainfield, 5.13. The schools throughout town have been generally successful, yet not all of them have been of the highest order.

The number of teachers employed during the year was 26; 4 males and 22 females; all but 4 of them are residents of this town. Whole number of children attending school, 346; boys 177; girls 169.

SCHOOL HOUSES. Several districts still persist in using dilapidated buildings, which only by a flight of fancy can be called school-houses.

A WORD TO TEACHERS. I respectfully advise you all to perfect yourselves for your calling. There is a demand for high skill in your profession. The public requires you to be masters in your art, and always a master of the situation in which you are placed, whatever the circumstances. The public can conceive of no failure in a school, except through your inefficiency. Cultivate your intellects, then, for your avocation; also, develop your muscular powers, for emergencies may arise when the latter qualification will be as much needed as the former. Have not towns, corporations and districts furnished all necessary means and materials for good schools, except, possibly, teachers? How plain, then, wherein the responsibility of failure or success lies. What if school-houses are unfit—what if pupils are indifferent or insubordinate at home or at school; what if antipathy or indifference exists in the district? Out of the abundant resources of your (supposed) great genius you are expected to harmonize all discord or conflict of ideas, surmount all difficulties, overcome all obstacles—do everything possible. Why, it is expected that with the means and material now furnished you, you will soon reduce the somewhat uncertain condition of the pedagogue art to an exact science;—so that in all cases where a school-house, books and pupils are furnished, you will be always able to solve the problem of how much learning you can instil into the minds of your pupils in a given length of time.

I would like to say a few words to the public, and to parents, but it is presumed that they know and are doing their *whole* duty as one of the parties interested in the welfare of the common schools; therefore any suggestions directed to them might be deemed superfluous.

GEORGE W. HUNT,
Superintending School Committee.

Claremont Bookstore.

At some time within the last THIRTY FOUR YEARS, most of the inhabitants of CORNISH have been in the delightful village of CLAREMONT.

We would not so call in question the intelligence and literary culture of the people of Cornish as to presume that any who have visited our town have not visited our Store in the Lower Village—the OLD CLAREMONT BOOKSTORE—established in 1835. But the object of this advertisement (which, by the way is at our own expense—no charge being made to the town of Cornish for this cover) is to announce to all the people that, our old quarters being too small for both our wholesale and retail business—the latter having grown upon us within the last two years—and yielding to the often expressed wish of our own people, we have opened

A BRANCH STORE,

In BROWN'S WOODEN BLOCK, next door to the POST OFFICE, on the first floor, where, for the present, we shall carry on both the

WHOLESALE & RETAIL BUSINESS.

Until more commodious rooms can be secured, however, our

HEAVY BUSINESS

Will continue to be transacted at the old stand, which will continue to be our

HEAD QUARTERS

Until further notice. But this fact will, undoubtedly, simply tend to render the

New Branch

A more attractive place—one which can always be kept neat, quiet and pleasant, with civil attendants at sufficient leisure to attend to the most trivial wants of

THE RETAIL CUSTOMER.

Feeling confident that from our long and exceedingly varied experience, in the

BOOK AND STATIONERY BUSINESS,

We have learned something about the wants of the people, we are ready to declare that our assortment will always be *more extensive* and our prices as accommodating as can be found at any other store of the kind *anywhere*; and so we ask

The People of Cornish,

And any others into whose hands this may fall, to call and see us and look at our goods.

On the last page of this cover we enter somewhat more into particulars—to which we refer you.

The Claremont Manuf'g Company,

CLAREMONT, N. H

**AT THE
CLAREMONT BOOKSTORE,**

Claremont, Lower Village,

**OR ITS LITTLE BRANCH ESTABLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1868, IN
BROWN'S OLD BLOCK,**

next door to the POST OFFICE, nearly opposite the TREMONT HOUSE, Upper Village, you may do any of the following and many other things, viz :

BUY BOOKS AND STATIONERY,

Sell Rags, Sell Eggs, Sell Butter, Sell Wood,

BUY BEAUTIFUL PICTURES,

Sell Corn, Sell Oats, Sell Apples, Sell Cheese,

BUY WRAPPING PAPER,

Sell Old Books, Sell Old Newspapers,

BUY BLANK BOOKS,

Sell Old Envelopes, Sell Old Letters,

BUY WEDDING CARDS,

Sell Old Accounts, Sell Old Woolen Rags,

BUY BIBLES AND PRAYER BOOKS,

Sell Old Ropes, Sell Old Sacks, Sell Old Lead.

AT EITHER PLACE, ORDERS MAY BE LEFT

FOR

MAKING PAPER OR MAKING BOOKS.

PRINTING CARDS, PRINTING LABELS,

Binding Harper, Binding Godey,

PRINTING HAND BILLS, PRINTING NOTES,

Binding Riverside, Binding Ladies' Repository,

Printing Posters, Printing Envelopes,

BINDING BLANK BOOKS, BINDING PETERSON,

PRINTING IN TWO COLORS,

Rebinding and Repairing Old Books,

PRINTING IN THREE COLORS,

Binding Music, Binding Plates,

PRINTING CATALOGUES, PRINTING SERMONS.

Binding the simplest Pamphlet, Binding the richest Volume,

PRINTING TOWN REPORTS, PRINTING BOOKS,

Binding in Paper, Binding in Cloth, Binding in Leather, &c., &c.

Ladies and Gentlemen, "give us a call, the next time you come our way." We have something more to say to you on another page of this cover, and still more when we see you, "face to face."

Yours Respectfully,

The Claremont Manufacturing Company,

CLAREMONT, N. H.